

COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

September 30, 2008

The House Select Committee on Sex Offender Issues held its first meeting on September 30, 2008

Susan Sitze, Committee Co-Counsel, presented information concerning a N.C. Court of Appeals decision concerning the definition of "residence" as it applies to persons who are required to register as sex offenders. Ms. Sitze then reviewed G.S. 14-208.8A, which requires persons who must register as sex offenders to notify the sheriff of the person's place of employment and temporary residence (hotel, motel, or other transient lodging place) if the person works in a county other than the county in which the person is registered and maintains a temporary residence in that county for more than 10 business days within a 30-day period. Ms. Sitze also reviewed the following statutes: G.S. 14-208.16, which defines residential restrictions; G.S. 153-A, which covers the definition of a legal residence for social service purposes; and G.S. 163-57, which defines residence for the purpose of registration and voting.

After some discussion the committee agreed that if a registered sex offender is residing in a location for 10 days or more within a one-month period, the sheriff should be notified. Committee staff was asked to present one or more proposals to the Attorney General's office and to provide the information to Committee members prior to the next meeting. The suggestion was made that the Committee utilize a provision in the State's election law that defines "residence" for voting purposes. Questions were also raised about the impact of proposed legislation on the State's budget. Committee members agreed that the type of activity committed by a sex offender and where the offense occurred should be factors in imposing additional registration requirements.

The meeting adjourned after additional discussion by the committee members.

November 13, 2008

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The Committee heard from **Mr. Grier Weeks from the National Organization to Protect Children (PROTECT)**. According to its mission statement, PROTECT is a national pro-child, anti-crime membership association. Mr. Weeks introduced **David Keith, National Chairman for PROTECT**. Mr. Keith is also a well know actor who has starred in a number of films. Mr. Keith indicated that United States consumers are